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FOR: SPHERICAL SILICA-TITANIA-BASED FINE PARTICLES SURFACE-TREATED WITH SILANE, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND EXTERNAL ADDITIVE FOR ELECTROSTATICALLY CHARGED IMAGE DEVELOPING TONER USING SAME

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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